

Minutes of the September 12, 2006 Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Gregor. Present were all Supervisors; Flo Ford, Carol Merryman, Mike Galassi, approximately thirteen residents from Belmont Road, Meg Bernhardt from the Evening Sun and Scot Pitzer from the Gettysburg Times. The meeting was tape-recorded.

Mr. Weikert made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 22, 2006 meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.

Mr. Shealer made a motion to approve the bills list in the amount of \$22,430.16 from the General Fund and \$78.00 from the Park and Rec seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried.

No visitors addressed the Board.

A written report of police activities for the month of August was presented. Sergeant Molloy was on vacation so no oral report was given.

Chairman Gregor reported that the Belmont Road Bridge was the next item on the agenda. He added that this situation has been of interest to both the residents and the Supervisors for quite some time and the Supervisors have been using the engineer's reports, the advice of legal counsel and comments from the residents in their deliberations regarding either opening, or keeping the Belmont Road closed that leads up to the bridge. **Mr. Shealer made a motion to open the Belmont Road based on re-evaluation of the information received. Mr. Waybright seconded the motion.** Mr. Shealer reported that he was on vacation during the last meeting and stated that his concerns were purely for the safety of the residents when the decision was made to close the road and his concerns are still for the safety of the residents, but his decision is based on the new information that has been received and re-evaluated. Mrs. Underwood stated that the bridge will be posted with a 3 Ton Limit and there will be some enforcement of that. She added that she hopes that everyone is safe until the county can come up with the funding to replace the bridge. Mr. Gregor added that there is a letter from Pennoni Associates that makes several suggestions that the township will adhere to. Mr. Weikert stated that 3 tons is not very much weight and is probably not much more than a pick-up truck. There was a discussion about large vehicles going over the bridge and Mr. Gregor stated that the township will contact the school district regarding school buses. He added that there will be a police presence, but they can not be there 24/7. Mr. Chris Entenman thanked the Board for re-visiting this situation and he added that they will keep pushing for the replacement of the bridge. Mr. Gregor stated that the township will also do what they can to keep the process moving and they feel the same frustration as the residents do. **A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows: Mr. Shealer voted in favor, Mr. Waybright voted in favor, Chairman Gregor voted in favor, Mr. Weikert voted in favor and Mrs. Underwood voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Ford reported that she and Mrs. Underwood met with Kate McGinnis from the Journey through Hallowed Ground Partnership, an organization dedicated to raising national awareness of the unparalleled history in the region centered on the Rt. 15/231 corridor. Ms. McGinnis asked the township for a resolution to show support for their intention to seek National Heritage Area Designation for the 175 mile Rt. 15/231 corridor. **Mr. Weikert made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-17 supporting the Journey through Hallowed Ground seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried.**

Mrs. Ford reported that the Pension Plan audits have been completed and there were no findings.

Mrs. Ford reported that the revised SALDO will be ready for review at the next workshop and the Personnel Policy Manual will be ready for adoption at the next meeting. Mrs. Ford also reported that the engineer preparing the easements for the Sachs Mill Bridge trail project found that the Waterworks Road had been vacated in 1992. Mr. Weikert stated that the road had been vacated, but it is still township property.

The Zoning Officer's report and Assistant Secretary's report for August were reviewed.

Mr. Shealer reported that the Boyd's School Road project is running 3 to 4 weeks behind, but it is about to start, possibly as soon as Friday. He added that there will be temporary extended road closure between Biglerville Road, Table Rock Road and Business 15 and people who travel that road should leave earlier because they will have to find other ways around.

Mr. Waybright reported that he will be taking a position, as a large land owner, on the Adams County Association of Township Official's Open Space and Land Preservation Committee and although he will not have the supervisor's position, he will represent the township.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by motion of Mrs. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Weikert and carried.

Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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